ed would be repayable in instalments thrice each year over the remaining economic life of the vessel.

(e) The Deep Sea Fishing Industry is specifically excluded from the purview of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, and is therefore not equated with land based industries. However, several beneficial terms and conditions apply to the financing of the deep sea fishing industry, often on more favourable terms than for land based industries.

Arrears in collection of Central taxes

523. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large amount of different central taxes remains unrecovered every year in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the amount of each of the central taxes outstanding at the end of 1990-91, 1991-92 against private and public sectors, separately, Statewise;

(d) whether Government have made some improvement in the present system of tax collection;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) what are the details of achievements made as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reasons for non-realisation of outsanding tax demands are:

(i) tax demands are disputed in appeals;

(ii) stays are granted by the courts, tribunals and the departmental authorities.

(c) The amounts of tax demands of major Central taxes outstanding at the end of 1990-91 and 1991-92 are given below:

(Rupees in crores)

	Income tax inc. Corp. tax	Central Excise Duty	Customs Duty
1990-91	6695	1226	67
1991-92	8364	1521	77

Statistics of tax demand outstanding against private and public sectors separately, Statewise, are not maintained.

(d) to (f) Improvement of the tax collection system is an on-going process. The system is reviewed from time to time and improvements wherever necessary are brought about. Presently, the Tax Reforms Committee headed by Dr. Raja J. Chelliah is going into various aspects of tax administration. The recommendations made by the Committee in its interim report have been partially implemented. The Final report of the Committee is likely to be received shortly. It is premature to assess the achievement at this stage.

Autonomous body status for SEBI

524. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to

make Securities and Exchange Board of India an autonomous body on the lines of the Securities Exchange Commission of USA;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Act was enacted on 4th April, 1992. Under the Act, SEBI has been vested with statutory powers aimed at protecting the interests of the investors in securities and to regulate the securities market.

Excise duty evasion by Raipur Cement Company

525. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Raipur Cement Companies owned by Calcutta based industrial houses have been found evading central excise to the tune of over Rupees 12 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that even Government undertakings have evaded duty to the tune of over 90 lakhs;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken to recover the Government dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) 2 cases involving alleged evasion of Central Excise duty of Rs. 8.44 crores (approx.) by two cement companies in Raipur owned by a Calcutta based industrial house have been detected in May, 1992.

(b) 5 cases involving alleged evasion of Central Excise duty of Rs. 1.29 crores (approx.) by 2 public sector undertakings have been detected in the months of May and June, 1992.

(c) The details of the cases at (a) above are:—

A case involving alleged evasion of about Rs. 8.44 crores by M/s Satna Cement Works and Birla Vikas Cement, both located at Satna and belonging to M/s Birla Jute and Industries Ltd., Calcutta has been detected during May, 1992. Another case involving alleged evasion of duty of Rs. 78 lakhs (approx.) on crushed gypsum has been booked against M/s Birla Vikas Cement, Satna during May, 1992. The demands relate to duty on unaccounted clinker and cement allegedly cleared without payment of duty.

The details of cases at (b) are:

Two cases involving alleged evasion of Central Excise duty to the tune fo Rs. 24.48 lakhs approx.) being non-payment of duty on goods captively consumed and three show cause notices alleging veasion of duty of Rs. 1.07 crores (approx.) on goods captively consumed without payment of duty and for under-valuation have been issued in May and June, 1992 to M/s Bhilai Steel Plant and M/s BALCO respectively.

(d) Show Cause Notices have been issued in the cases of M/s Satna Cement Works, Satna and M/s Birla Vikas Cement mentioned at (a) above in whicd the revenue involvement is Rs. 8.44 crores. In the other case of M/s Birla Vikas Cement involving duty evasion of Rs. 78 lakhs (approx.) the issue of show cause notice is under examination. In the cases mentioned at (b) above, show cause notices have been issued and the cases are under adjudication.